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SUBJ: SHYROW/PAN AVION

REF: BOMBAY 229

1. YOU MIGHT WISH TO LEAVE THE FOLLOWING WITH HAZARI:

"AS A ONE TIME EXCEPTION, THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PERMITTED THE US EMBASSY TO IMPORT EMERGENCY ELECTRIC GENERATING EQUIPMENT FROM THE US AGAINST A RUPEE PAYMENT. THE BILL OF RS. 5.2 MILLION FOR THE GENERATORS ON A CIF BASIS INVOLVED RS. 4.1 MILLION PAYMENT FOR THE PRODUCT AND RS. 1.1 MILLION FOR AIR FREIGHT EXPENSES. THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AGREED IN PRINCIPAL TO REMITTANCE OF THE TRANSPORTATION PORTION IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE. SUBSEQUENTLY, A QUESTION HAS ARISEN WITHIN THE GOI OF WHETHER RS. 1.1 MILLION IS A FAIR BILL FOR THE AIR FREIGHT. AS AN INTERIM PAYMENT, RS. 600,000 WAS RELEASED FROM THE ACCOUNT INTO WHICH THE EMBASSY PAYMENT WAS DEPOSITED.

"WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE RS. 600,000 RELEASED WAS BASED ON AN OPINION OF AIR INDIA THAT THIS WAS A FAIR AMOUNT. HOWEVER, THE TRANSPORTER CORRESPONDED WITH AIR INDIA AND WITH ALITALIA WITH RESULTS SUGGESTING THAT RS. 1.1 MILLION WAS ACTUALLY A JUSTIFIABLE AMOUNT FOR THIS PARTICULAR SHIPMENT.

2. "WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ANY UTLIMATE DECISION YOU MIGHT REACH, WE ASK THAT THE RESERVE BANK OF INDIA REEXAMINE THE AMOUNT

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ALLOWED TO BE RELEASED FROM THE PAYMENT ACCOUNT IN LIGHT OF

THE DOCUMENTATION BY THE TRANSPORTING FIRMS."

3. SAREEN IS COMING TO BOMBAY FRIDAY. HE HAS TALKED TO
TEREJA BY TELEPHONE AND HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE FILE IS WITH
DEPUTY CONTROLLER METRA. HE HAS AN APPOINTMENT WITH METRA AT
3.P.M. HE WILL ARRIVE IN BOMBAY IN TIME TO ACCOMPANY YOU TO
YOUR APPOINMTNE WITH HAZARI IF YOU CONSIDER THIS ADVISABLE.
WE SEE NO HARM IN IT FROM HERE, BUT LEAVE IT UP TO YOUR BETTER
JUDGMENT ON THE SPOT. WE HAVE MADE NO COMMITMENT TO SAREEN
ABOUT THIS, BUT ADVISED HIM TO PHONE MCCASKILL AS SOON AS HE
ARRIVES IN BOMBAY FRIDAY MORNING.
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